

CITY *Visions*

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Dirt Set to Fly at Community Center Groundbreaking

THE START of the biggest capital project in the City's history is just around the corner. The ground-breaking celebration for the Community and Cultural Center will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2001 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the northeast corner of Monterey Road and Dunne Avenue.

This highly anticipated facility will provide the community with an array of recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities, as well as special event and meeting space never before seen in Morgan Hill. There will be a banquet facility, meeting rooms, a dance studio, an art and ceramics room, children's activity center, an amphitheater, and community playhouse — all in parklike surroundings.

To appropriately commemorate this occasion, the City is planning a family festivity for the entire community. The celebration will include food provided by an array of local restaurants, live entertainment by local bands, and hands-on activities and demonstrations highlighting some of the classes that will be provided at the Community Center. Gavilan College will be present to supply information on the type of classes that will be available at their satellite campus on the Community Center grounds. Five Thomas Kinkadee prints of "An All American Home Town," and gift certificates to local restaurants will be raffled-off, free, as door prizes throughout the celebration.

With several other major capital projects currently on the drawing board, the start of the Community and Cultural Center project marks the beginning of some very exciting times in the City's history. Please join us on October 20th for this fun-filled event. ☺

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE "GROUNDBREAKING" PAGE 3

Are You An "A Student" In Emergency Preparedness?

CALIFORNIA IS among the most earthquake prone areas in the world. As a resident of Morgan Hill, you need to be aware that there are four major, active, earthquake faults surrounding this particular geographic area. Being aware of what your immediate hazards are and preparing yourself and your family are the first big steps in being able to handle any type of emergency that may occur.

Morgan Hill has been at the center or close to the center of several declared disasters in the past fifteen to twenty years. We've survived El Niño, the Loma Prieta Earthquake, the Morgan Hill fires, and the Morgan Hill Earthquake. How will you and your family fare the next disaster?

Take the test on page two, and see how well you can answer questions about preparedness. If you answer "Yes" to all of them then you have a good chance to survive and even be able to help others when the need arises. A "No" answer indicates you still have some work to do.

SEE "PREPARE" PAGE 2

"PREPARE" FROM PAGE 1

If you marked "Yes" for all nine on the list, you get an A+. It doesn't take that much effort to score big for you and your family, but it does take a little commitment. I'm sure you'll agree, your family is worth it.

For more information about preparedness and upcoming classes for adults and children, please contact the Morgan Hill Police Office of Emergency Services by calling 776-7310. ☎

Article by Debbie Simon Emergency Services Coordinator, 776-7310.



Fall Recreation Guide Available At City Hall

NEW FALL classes include fun for all ages. Children can sign up for arts programs such as Little Ones Kids Craft Class, Super Santa Workshop, Holiday Gift Making or even a Parents Night Out Party and more.



For the teen, classes are offered in Safesitters Certification, Yoga, Beginning Watercolor, Street Jam, Holiday Card Making and other great ways to learn something new or share your hobby with new friends.



Adult programs offer a great variety too. Enjoy Tennis, Yoga, Swing and Ballroom Dance, Introduction to Golf, Nutrition Seminars and much more.



Classes start in September and November, so visit City Hall and pick up your copy of the Morgan Hill Recreation Fall Guide.

Check the City's website at www.morgan-hill.ca.gov and click on "What's New" - for an easy, electronic way to obtain a Fall recreation guide and registration form. You can also call the Recreation Division at 779-7271. ☎



The Quiz That Could Save Your Life

- #1. YOU HAVE WALKED THROUGH YOUR HOME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND DISCUSSED WHERE AND HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF IN EACH ROOM.
- #2. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE CONDUCTED EARTHQUAKE AND EVACUATION DRILLS AND HAVE IDENTIFIED TWO WAYS OUT OF YOUR HOUSE AND A MEETING POINT OUTSIDE THE HOUSE.
- #3. YOU HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST A WEEK FOR YOUR FAMILY AND PETS. THESE FOODS CAN BE EATEN WITHOUT COOKING AND EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY LIKES TO EAT THEM.
- #4. YOU HAVE ENOUGH WATER TO LAST FOR A WEEK FOR YOUR FAMILY AND PETS. ONE GALLON OF WATER PER PERSON PER DAY.
- #5. YOU HAVE ENOUGH EMERGENCY SUPPLIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. SUPPLIES FOR COOKING SUCH AS BARBECUES, CAMP STOVES; MANUAL CAN AND BOTTLE OPENERS; MATCHES; PAPER PLATES/TOWELS; AND EATING UTENSILS.
- #6. YOU HAVE FLASHLIGHTS WITH EXTRA BATTERIES AND/OR LIGHT STICKS AND A BATTERY SOLAR POWERED RADIO.
- #7. YOU HAVE A PORTABLE GRAB AND GO KIT FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY CONTAINING NECESSARY MEDICINES; CLOTHING; SHOES; SOAP; TOOTHBRUSH; WASHCLOTH; SEVERAL LARGE GARBAGE BAGS; TOILET PAPER; A SPACE BLANKET; A JACKET; AND SEVERAL ENERGY BARS TO EAT.
- #8. YOU HAVE A PORTABLE SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR AND WORKPLACE - JUST IN CASE YOU ARE NOT HOME IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN. YOUR KIT INCLUDES SOME WATER AND POWER BARS; AND A COMFORTABLE PAIR OF SHOES BECAUSE YOU MAY HAVE TO WALK HOME IF ROADS AND BRIDGES ARE DAMAGED AND IMPASSIBLE BY VEHICLE.
- #9. EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY KNOWS THAT THEY CAN USE THE CAR RADIO OR THE PORTABLE RADIO TO TUNE IN TO **1610 AM** FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE **CITY OF MORGAN HILL** OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ABOUT THE EVENT THAT HAS JUST HAPPENED.

Presented by the City of Morgan Hill

Join Us in the **FUN**

Morgan Hill

Community and Cultural Center

Ground Breaking

Celebration!

Everyone Welcome

Dance Studio
Art & Ceramics Room
Children's Activity Center
Gavilan College Satellite
Banquet Facilities
Meeting Rooms
Outdoor Amphitheater
Park Setting
Community Playhouse

**Saturday, October 20th
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

A Family Event

Activities & Demonstrations

Food from local restaurants

Live Entertainment by local artists

Raffle Prizes

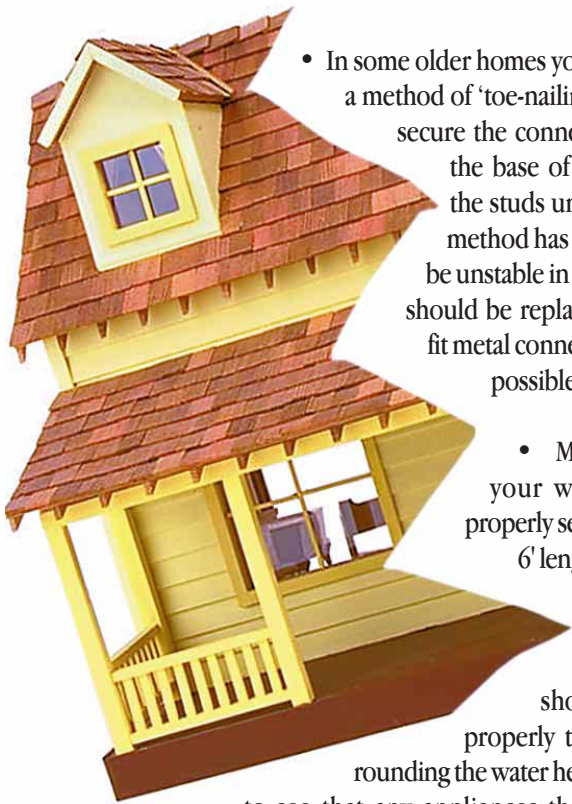
Party located at the NE Corner
of Monterey Road and Dunne Avenue

Building It To Last...Even In Earthquake Country

In past earthquakes, such as the Loma Prieta, homes fell to the ground because of older construction methods and more injuries were caused by shattered glass than anything else. Water heaters that were not properly strapped shook loose and burst utility lines, causing fire and water damage – **Is your home earthquake safe?**

LIVING IN California is great and it's even better living in Morgan Hill. We have sunshine, beaches, mountains, and, unfortunately, the occasional earthquake. Because of this, those of us who live here need to be educated on how to take preventative measures to minimize damage. There are several ways to prevent damage to your home and injury to your family by taking a look at the current construction of your home:

- Check your chimney, roof and wall foundations for stability. Make sure that your home is properly attached to its foundation.



- In some older homes you may find that a method of 'toe-nailing' was used to secure the connection between the base of the home and the studs underneath. This method has been proven to be unstable in some cases and should be replaced with retrofit metal connectors wherever possible.

- Make sure that your water heater is properly secured with two 6' lengths of 1-1/2" 16 gauge metal straps. These should be bolted properly to the wall surrounding the water heater. Also check to see that any appliances that could move enough to rupture utility lines are secure.

- When reroofing, make sure that your roof has a solid sheathing. This means that a solid layer of plywood or some other material covers the whole area underneath the shingles.

- Secure cupboards and large furniture items. Using child safety locks on your cupboards will keep those breakables off your head and out of the way of bare feet. Remember, broken glass causes more injuries than any other effect of an earthquake. In addition, there are a number of different types of straps for securing your computers, bookshelves and heavy picture frames to the walls.

If you are a handy homeowner and own a few tools, most of these improvements can be done quite easily. To make things easier for you, the City of Morgan Hill has pamphlets and videos on home improvements, as well as copies of the Uniform Building Code, available to residents. A building permit must be obtained from the Building Division for any improvements that are changing the structure of your home. For more information, call the Building Division at 779-7241 and any one of our friendly staff will be happy to answer your questions. ☎

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CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING GUIDE

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: **10/3 7PM LIVE**
10/4 NOON REPLAY
10/6 8PM REPLAY
10/7 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: **10/17 7PM LIVE**
10/18 NOON REPLAY
10/20 8PM REPLAY
10/21 NOON REPLAY

JOINT REDEVELOPMENT **10/24 7PM LIVE**
AGENCY/CITY COUNCIL MEETING 10/25 NOON REPLAY
10/27 8PM REPLAY
10/28 NOON REPLAY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: **10/9 7PM LIVE**
10/10 NOON REPLAY
10/13 NOON REPLAY
10/14 8PM REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: **10/23 7PM LIVE**
10/24 NOON REPLAY
10/27 NOON REPLAY
10/28 8PM REPLAY

BICYCLE SAFETY HOOR FOR EVERYONE

7AM, 9AM & 4:30PM DAILY

RECYCLE HOUR FOR KIDS & ADULTS

8AM, 10AM & 5:30PM DAILY

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

CITY BEAUTIFICATION DAY • OCTOBER 6

Come help beautify Morgan Hill. Join the fun at 8AM, City Hall. To learn more, contact Environmental Programs at 779-7247.

COLUMBUS DAY • OCTOBER 8

City Offices Open - Regular Garbage and Recycling Services.

COMPOST WORKSHOP • OCTOBER 9

Attendees of Morgan Hill's Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th, from 7-9PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 299-4147.

SKATE JAM • OCTOBER 13

11AM-4PM. See back page for details.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS END • OCTOBER 28

Replace your smoke alarm batteries.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN • OCTOBER 31 **BOO.**

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation	779-7271
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278

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1ST ANNUAL MORGAN HILL SKATE JAM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 11AM - 4PM

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- COMMUNITY CENTER
- GROUNDBREAKING INVITATION
- PREPARE FOR DISASTER
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